

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, IS, JO, LE  
SUBJ: WEST BANK QUIET AS ISRAELIS ATTACK IN LEBANON

1. NEWS OF ISRAELI RETALIATION IN LEBANON HAS PROMPTED ONLY MILD DEMONSTRATIONS SO FAR IN VARIOUS WEST BANK CITIES. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE LOCAL SOURCES, STUDENTS IN NABLUS, RAMALLAH AND HALHUL INITIATED STRIKES AND DEMONSTRATIONS EARLY MARCH 15, BUT IDF EASILY SQUELCHED DISSENT. NO SERIOUS INJURIES REPORTED; FEW, IF ANY, ARRESTS. HEBRON AND JERUSALEM WERE QUIET.

2. ISRAELI ATTACK BROKE TOO LATE FOR ARABIC PRESS DEADLINES, BUT ISRAELI RADIO CARRIED DETAILED REPORTS IN ARABIC.

3. COMMENT: PREVADING SENSE OF IMPOTENCE AMONG WEST BANK PALESTINIANS MAKES IT UNLIKELY THAT THEIR REACTION WILL EXCEED SYMBOLIC SUPPORT AND PROTEST. RECENTLY, IDF HAS  
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EFFECTIVELY SMOTHERED DISSENT BY HEAVY CENSORSHIP AND BY RESORT TO PROMPT, FIRM-BUT NON-LETHAL-FORCE. AS HIKMAT AL-MASRI TOLD CONSUL GENERAL AT LUNCH TODAY, WEST BANKERS DO NOT BELIEVE THEY HAVE ANY EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PROTEST.  
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